

Welcome to the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College – where everyone knows your name! If you are seeking personal attention, quality programs and a reasonable price, you will enjoy those benefits enjoyed by students since 1876!

The combination of private university and community college working together provides you with the choice of many programs, including associate, bachelor and masters programs, all at a reasonable price. The Ohio student receives a subsidized cost for an entire two year degree or the first two years of a bachelors program. This means you will receive a private college education at a comparable state university cost. Financial aid, including many scholarships, enables a Rio Grande education to be even more affordable.

We provide small classes where you get personal attention from your instructors. A variety of support services, including free tutoring, will help you reach your full potential. A small college with a big heart, we offer classes at various times of the day, weekends and evenings. More classes are scheduled on line or in “hybrid format.”

We offer a safe, attractive campus setting in southeast Ohio where you can enjoy outdoor activities and focus on your studies without any outside concerns. An array of campus activities will allow you to enrich your college experience. You can join an intramural team, become part of the honors program or just attend a variety of events. If you wanted to start an interest group, you can do this on a small campus such as Rio Grande.

## Introduction

The University of Rio Grande, established in 1876, is an independent four-year, comprehensive university that offers programs ranging from certificates through the master degree level. In the past, many of its graduates entered the teaching profession. Today, many are preparing for business and public service careers, as well as for the teaching profession. During its history, the University of Rio Grande (pronounced Rye-oh) has been at times a denominational college, a two-year college, a self-help student work college, and a four-year liberal arts college.

Rio Grande Community College, established in 1974, offers a wide range of services, including career programs, associate degree transfer programs, and continuing education programs. The Community College reinforces the University’s philosophy and history of making meaningful, affordable education and services available to all who can benefit.

The University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College represent a unique marriage between public and private education, between career and liberal arts education, and between younger and older students. The same staff, faculty, and facilities support both the private University and the Community College programs. Students in the Community College programs have the opportunity to enroll in liberal arts courses and programs. Students in liberal arts programs have an opportunity to experience career education courses and programs.

Through a contract between URG and RGCC, Ohio residents in their first two years of college work can take advantage of public

community college tuition rates to earn associate degrees in arts or career education. Students have the option of continuing toward a baccalaureate degree at the University of Rio Grande or transferring to another institution to complete a four-year degree.

The University also offers a Master of Education Degree in Classroom Teaching with a concentration in Intervention Specialist and an innovative Master of Business Administration degree in Entrepreneurship.

## Mission Statement

Rio Grande – putting your future within reach by providing educational, personal growth, and economic development opportunities.

Rio Grande Community College, created in 1974, offers:

- Associate’s degrees for students in professional studies and the liberal arts and sciences, as well as certificates in career and technical areas.
- The first two years of courses for bachelor’s degrees.
- Access to a broad array of courses at an affordable price.
- Developmental courses along with the necessary support to enhance academic skills.
- Appropriate business and industry partnerships and training for economic development in the surrounding four-county community college district.
- Linkages with high schools that promote uninterrupted high school to college articulation.
- Opportunities for community involvement in the decision-making processes.

The University of Rio Grande, founded in 1876, offers:

- Access to a broad array of associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees.
- An effective balance of career preparation, liberal arts, and practical training in a nurturing environment characterized by a focus on the unique needs of the individual.
- Opportunities for intellectual and personal growth in a close-knit campus community.
- Small business entrepreneurial training and partners with RGCC to enhance economic development opportunities in the region.

Both URG and RGCC are committed to:

- Encouraging the development and enhancement of integrity, morally and ethically responsible behavior, respect for diversity, and service learning among students and employees.
- Nurturing basic professional values such as a hard work ethic, basic honesty, self-discipline, perseverance, interpersonal cooperation, and social responsibility among students and employees.
- Providing equal opportunity for students and employees, whatever their age, gender, religious background, ethnic or cultural heritage.
- Providing opportunities for any student with special needs to receive an education equal to that of any other student.

- Offering courses through distance and distributed learning at the certificate, undergraduate, and graduate levels.
- Providing opportunities for students, employees, and members of the communities served by the institutions to be engaged intellectually, aesthetically, socially, and physically outside the classroom setting.
- Maintaining a highly motivated and academically qualified full-time faculty dedicated to excellence in teaching, advising, and personal attention.

A Rio Grande education instills self-confidence and motivation and prepares students for the challenges of living a fulfilling life, reaching career and pre-professional goals, and being a responsible citizen in a culturally diverse, global community.

## Organization

Separate Boards of Trustees administer the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College. Instructional services for both the two-year and four-year programs, as well as the graduate program, are coordinated by the Office of Academic Affairs.

## Campus

The University and the Community College share the same campus, facilities, and faculty. The 190-acre campus is located in Southeastern Ohio within the village of Rio Grande (Gallia County) near U.S. Route 35.

Campus facilities include eleven classroom buildings, a library, five residence halls, a student center, a dining hall, an art museum, and an administration building. Special features within these facilities include a 500-seat theatre, an athletic-recreation complex with a fitness center, a food court, large painting-sculpting-ceramics labs, and a fine woodworking shop. Ten of these facilities have been constructed since 1977. Since 1988, four other buildings have been completely renovated, and three more have undergone major renovations in conjunction with additions that doubled the size of the original facilities. All major classrooms and office buildings are wired into a total campus network making electronic mail and Internet access available to all computer lab stations and offices.

Six of the new buildings were funded by the State of Ohio through the Community College, and three were funded with private funds through the University. Two of the new facilities were funded jointly. One of the major renovations and all three renovation-addition projects have been funded through the Community College, while the other two major renovation projects were funded through the University.

The two newest facilities are McKenzie Hall, which opened in 1997, and Bob Evans Farms Hall, which opened in 2000.

## Accreditation and Memberships

The University of Rio Grande is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. Since 1916, the University has been authorized by the Department of Education, State of Ohio, to prepare students for teacher certification. The teacher education program is approved by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification. The School of Nursing has approval status from the Ohio Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League

for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC – National League for Nursing Accreditation, Inc., 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. Phone: 800-669-1656). The baccalaureate degree in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The Allied Health Programs in radiologic technology, diagnostic medical sonography, both general and cardiovascular, and respiratory therapy are accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, respectively. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

The University of Rio Grande is a member of the following organizations: American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Ohio Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Ohio Association of Private Colleges for Teacher Education; Council on Social Work Education; International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education; American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs; National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; Association of Counselors; American Association of Counseling and Development; American College Health Association; Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges; Association of Performing Arts Presenters; Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology; Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography; National Association for Industrial Technology; National College Placement Association; National Community Education Association; National Association of College and University Business Officers; National Association for Campus Activities; National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; Ohio College Association; National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing; National League of Nursing Councils of Associate Degree Programs and Baccalaureate Degree Programs; Ohio Community College Association; Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care; and Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

## Endowed Chairs

A college or university improves its mission by being able to attract outstanding persons by having endowed Chairs. In the person's name, the Chair will make continuous contributions to education. The naming of a Chair is a lasting honor to the selected individual. The University of Rio Grande has three endowed Chairs named in honor of Harland Martin, William A. Lewis, and Ina Alban. Dr. Edward Sofranko holds the William A. Lewis Chair.

**The Harland Martin Endowed Chair of Business** – Mr. Martin, a native of Southeast Ohio, was a respected citizen, farmer, businessman, and entrepreneur.

**The Ina Alban Endowed Chair of Education** – Ms. Alban, a native of Oak Hill, was a respected alumna, member of the board of trustees, and an educator in the public schools.

**The Dean Williams A. Lewis Endowed Chair of Psychology** – William A. Lewis, a native of Gallia County, was a respected alumnus, faculty member, president, and dean of Rio Grande College.

## The Alumni Association

All students of the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College become members of the Alumni Association

automatically and immediately upon their graduation from Rio Grande. Students who have attended Rio Grande and successfully completed academically one quarter or semester of coursework may enter the Association by making this request of the Office of Alumni Relations.

and the perpetuation of friendships and relationships formed among its members, while at school and after graduation. The Association welcomes all graduates, former students, and other friends of the University at its events and functions.

The Association attempts to promote the welfare of the institution,

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